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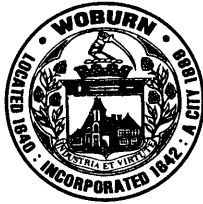
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June 9, 2003

Re: New England Transrail, LLC  
Notice of Exemption seeking to establish a  
Class III rail carrier and construction of a bulk re-load center  
At 51 Eames Street, Wilmington, MA 01887

To Whom It May Concern,

This letter concerns New England Transrail's recent filing to the Surface Transportation Board for an exemption to establish a Class III rail carrier and rail re-load center at 53 Eames Street in Wilmington, Massachusetts. We would like to state for the record that we are opposed to New England Transrail's proposal on several grounds.

1. The property at 51 Eames Street has been a major source of contamination for decades. Migration of contaminants to Woburn's watershed (Aberjona) is being monitored. Further investigation, remedial action and review by DEP, EPA and the Town of Wilmington is required to establish whether this property is suitable for redevelopment at this time (and whether the use being proposed is suitable for the site).
2. The Fire and Police Chiefs of both communities need a full proposal with site plans to determine whether these two communities are equipped to handle potential rail or trucking accidents involving containers of harmful commodities.
3. The proposal does not adequately address serious trucking issues raised previously in a letter from the Woburn City Council (June 18, 2003). Responding to our concerns, New England Transrail states in a letter to the Board (June 20th, 2003) that trucks will not use Route 38 in Woburn (a primarily, residential area) to access the interstate highways. They state that this is not a logical trucking route and that appropriate measures will be taken with customers to ensure that this route will not be used. Those measures were not specified in the proposal. Furthermore, in our experience, trucks accessing businesses in that area of Wilmington do use Route 38 in Woburn routinely, over our repeated objections. The volume of heavy trucks involved in this proposed operation would be unbearable for area residents should they traverse Route 38 in Woburn.



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Given these objections we respectfully ask that the Board delay any action on this filing until the DEP, EPA, and both communities are satisfied that the environmental impact of this proposed rail and reload use is minimal. There are too many serious concerns left unaddressed at present for this proposal to move forward.

Thank you for your attention to our comments.

Sincerely,

Anthony Imperioso  
City Council President

Joanna Gonsalves  
Alderman-at-Large

Cc:

New England Transrail, LLC (843 Red Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666)

The Honorable Edward Kennedy, US Senate

The Honorable John Kerry, US Senate

The Honorable John Tierney, US House of Representatives

The Honorable Edward Markey, US House of Representatives

The Honorable Bruce Tarr, Mass. State Senate

The Honorable Robert Havern, Mass. State Senate

The Honorable James Miceli, Mass. House of Representative

The Honorable Charles Murphy, Mass House of Representative

The Honorable Carol Donovan, Mass House of Representative

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